

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 2 Week 2

10th May 2011

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Last week I attended a meeting about international testing: the tests used, what was done with this information and how it was presented. The way that this information was presented was what lead to the 'National Standards'.

I have included down the bottom of this page the important information of how New Zealand pupils do when compared to other O.E.C.D. countries.

But what I think we should always remember is that while numeracy and literacy are important so are other subjects.

Our goal is to present a curriculum that produces well rounded happy students as is the goal of the new Zealand Curriculum. To do this we need to acknowledge that we are all different, we have different strengths and weaknesses, we learn at different rates and in different ways.

To support this concept we are holding an information evening next week about targeted home support. It would be great to see you there.

**Have a great week.
Mike Brosnahan**

PISA—Programme for international student assessment.

Pisa is an assessment carried out in OECD countries to monitor achievement of 15 Year old students.

PISA 2009 Results for NZ

Top performers

- 16% of New Zealand students were top performers in reading
- OECD average 8%
- Other top performers in high achieving countries: 15% Finland, 19% Shanghai China, 16% Singapore, 13% Australia, 13% Canada.

Bob Bickerton Visited Our School



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Uniform

Winter Options available for Terms 2 and 3

- Girls:** White or Navy skivvy for winter
Long sleeve white blouse
Navy tights or tracksuit pants (plain)
Royal Blue polar fleece - for outdoors only, this is not to replace the jersey.
- Boys:** Grey Long sleeve shirt or Navy skivvy
Winter grey shorts
Navy Blue track suit pants (plain)
Royal Blue polar fleece - for outdoors only, this is not to replace the jersey.

It is acknowledged by the Board of Trustees that from time to time items of uniform will not be able to be worn, for reasons of repair etc. **This is understood but a note explaining the reasons for this happening and the time frame is required.**

Looking Ahead Term 1

May

- 11th Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
12th Parent Meeting for Confirmation 7pm Parish
13th Room 5 singing at Mosgiel Library 11.30am
18th Targeted Home Support Meeting
20th Room 4 Assembly 2.20pm in the Hall
27th Vaughan Hook will be ordained a Deacon in the Gore Catholic Church 7pm.

June

- 3rd Reports go home
3rd Room 3 Assembly 2.20pm in the Hall
8/9th Parent Interviews

Annual Ski Trip to Cardrona

Accommodation at Albert Town Lodge for Friday 19th, Sat 20th and Sunday 21st of August, \$27pp.

Skiing Saturday and Sunday with Monday optional.
Skiing Prices: Lessons \$25; Lift Pass: Weekend \$29, Midweek \$18, Rental standard ski set \$22, Limited numbers!

Be in quick, ring Kate 484 7712.



Winter Sports

Hockey starts this Saturday 14th May 9.15am meet at Brooklands Park, across from school.
Remember mouth guards and shin pads must be worn.

Netball—

Future Ferns Yr 3-4 starts this Saturday 14th May.

Miniball—

Year 5/6 starts today Tuesday 10th May



Reminder:

All sports notices are on the notice board in the school foyer.

Draws will be emailed out as they come through, and placed on the noticeboard in the school foyer.

Cancellations are on most radio stations or call the cancellation line 474 8426.

Netball can also check the Taieri netball website for information www.taierinetball.co.nz, the draw is always on here and any other notices/cancellations.

PTA News

Due to the huge success of the previous Quiz night the PTA is organising another Quiz Night to help with fundraising for our school. Please support our school by entering a team. Each team needs to have a maximum of five members, with a cost to enter the competition of \$25 (only \$5 per person!). This could be a great team building exercise for your workplace or simply a fun night out with friends. Bring along some extra cash to buy tickets in our raffles on the night. Awesome prizes to be won!

Date: Tuesday 14th June
Time: 7pm
Venue: Mosgiel RSA - Church St
Cost: \$25 per team (max 5 people)



Bond & Bond School Fundraiser This Tuesday 10th—Sunday 15th May

Our school has been lucky to get one of these limited fundraisers that Bond & Bond offer each year.

This is a great opportunity for you to grab a bargain and the school will also benefit by receiving 2% of all sales.

You need to present the voucher at **George Street** Dunedin shop to get these deals.

A thought for the week...

‘The quality of mercy is not strained, it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath, it is twice blessed, it blesseth him that gives, and him that takes.’
William Shakespeare

Alter Server Sunday 15th May—Quintin Petre

Term One Invoices

If you wish to pay by internet banking or set up an automatic payment the school bank account number is **03 1725 0028136 00.**